

Minutes Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board Meeting January 3, 2019

Minutes of the Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board meeting, held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Tempe City Hall, third floor conference room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Steven Methvin

Rob Ferraro (2:18 pm via telephone)

Bill Goodman Alex Moreno Bill Munch **Board Members Absent:**

None

City Staff Present:

Renie Broderick, Internal Services Director

Wendy Messina, HR Analyst Susan Buck, Executive Assistant **Legal Counsel Present:**

David Niederdeppe

Chair Steven Methvin called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

ITEM I - Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Bill Munch to approve the November 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes and the November 1, 2018 Joint Meeting Minutes; second by Bill Goodman. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Methvin; Boardmembers Goodman, Moreno and Munch

Navs: None

Absent: Rob Ferraro

ITEM II – Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

ITEM III - Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

ITEM IV – New Members:

Motion by Alex Moreno to accept the new member application of **Jesse Bueno**; and the new member applications with pre-existing conditions as noted of **Brandon Kohls**, **Michael T. Minardo** and **Sone Naunau**; second by Bill Goodman. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Methvin; Boardmembers Goodman, Moreno and Munch

Nays: None

Absent: Rob Ferraro

ITEM V – Application to Enter the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Program:

Motion by Alex Moreno to approve the DROP application of **Kyle Schmidt**; second by Bill Munch. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Methvin; Boardmembers Goodman, Moreno and Munch

Nays: None

Absent: Rob Ferraro

ITEM VI – Update on Hall-Parker Lawsuit – Refunds of Excess Contributions

Local Board Secretary Renie Broderick noted this item pertains to the possible refund of excess contributions paid to members as a result of the Hall-Parker lawsuit, as discussed at the November 1, 2018 joint board meeting. Ms. Broderick stated that the City of Tempe has made a decision not to seek reimbursement of the overpayment from Tempe members. She further noted that there were approximately nine (9) Tempe Police members impacted by this issue.

ITEM VII – PSPRS News and Updates:

Ms. Broderick stated that the annual actuarial valuations have been received from the State and shared with the Board in their meeting packet. Ms. Broderick noted for the record the following information for Tempe Police (Fund 028):

- Tier 1 & Tier 2 Members: Employer contribution rate of 66.20% effective July 1, 2019; the overall pension funded status as of June 30, 2018 is at 41.1%;
- Tier 3 (hired on/after July 1, 2017): Employer contribution rates of 9.43% for Tier 3 benefits and 50.26% for Tier 1 and Tier 2 unfunded liability, with a total employer contribution of 59.69% as percentage of Tier 3 payroll.

Human Resources Analyst Wendy Messina also updated the Board regarding the State's decision to roll back the Tier 1b DROP provisions. Ms. Messina stated that in compliance with the State's decision, the City has stopped the contributions of members who were in the Tier 1b DROP effective with the first paycheck in January and she has notified all of the impacted members. Ms. Messina stated that there are approximately 38 impacted members and noted that the State will calculate what the members are owed for previous contributions and will notify the City of the amounts so that the City can process the reimbursements (with interest). The Board generally discussed the Tier 1b DROP provisions and the reimbursement process.

Boardmember Rob Ferraro joined the meeting via telephone at 2:19 p.m.

ITEM VIII – Future Meeting Date:

The next meeting is February 7, 2018.

ITEM IX –Future Agenda Items:

Chair Methvin noted that the Annual Review of Members Receiving Disability Benefits will be on a future agenda. The Board generally discussed the annual review process. There were no other future agenda items noted.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Bill Munch; second by Bill Goodman. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Methvin; Boardmembers Ferraro, Goodman, Moreno and Munch

Nays: None

Absent: Chair Steven Methvin

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Renie Broderick Local Board Secretary